



A RUBENS? NO!



A REMBRANDT? NO!

PERCY and FERDIE

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As Patrons of Art, They Fail to Qualify!



PRINCE JARGE IN THREE COLORS, MATEY. TU'PENCE HA'PENNY.

WE'VE A FRAME THAT'LL JUST ABOUT FIT IT. I'LL TAKE ONE.



ANOTHER FAMOUS PAINTING BOUGHT BY AN AMERICAN. WE'RE THE PEOPLE!

AH! A PRIVATE SALE OF LORD DEADBROKE'S OLD MASTERS. LET'S TAKE IT IN.



BUT I'M NOT PROPERLY ATTIRED! MY AFTERNOON COAT IS STILL IN HOCK.

POSE AS MY PRIVATE SECRETARY, HERE. START YOUR DUTIES BY CARRYING THIS PICTURE OF HIS ROYAL NIBS.

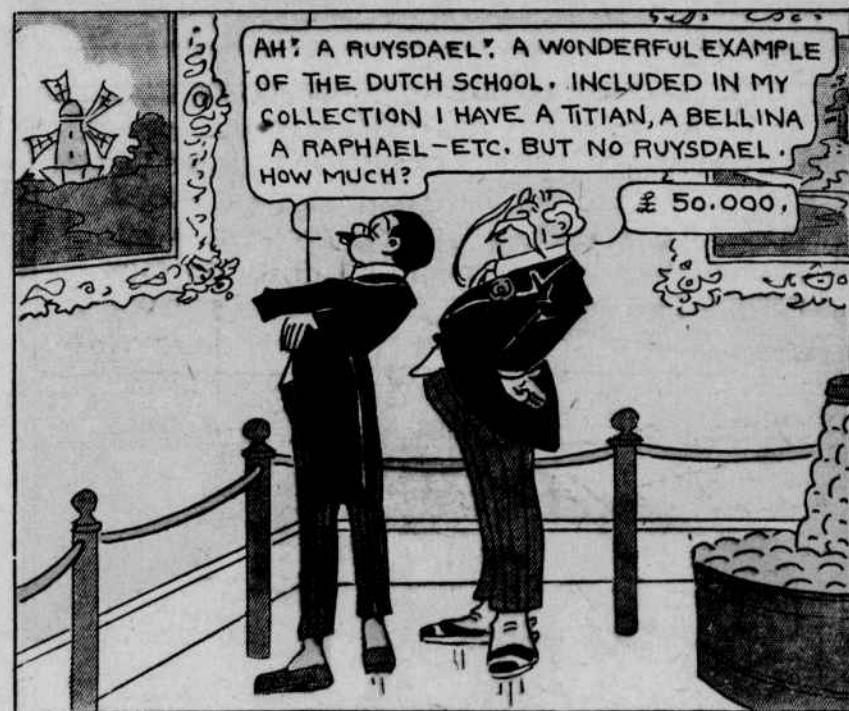


BY JOVE, I LEFT MY CARD CASE AT THE CLUB! HOWEVER, IT'S THE CHECK-BOOK THAT COUNTS.



I'VE COME TO INSPECT YOUR PAINTINGS WITH THE VIEW OF BUYING, MY LORD. THE GENTLEMAN ACCOMPANYING ME IS MY PRIVATE SECRETARY.

CHEERO!



AH! A RUYSDAEL! A WONDERFUL EXAMPLE OF THE DUTCH SCHOOL. INCLUDED IN MY COLLECTION I HAVE A TITIAN, A BELLINA, A RAPHAEL-ETC. BUT NO RUYSDAEL. HOW MUCH?

£ 50.000.



A RUYSDAEL UNQUESTIONABLY!

MY SECRETARY IS A CONNOISSEUR ON ART. I DEFER TO HIS JUDGMENT IN A GREAT MEASURE.



IF I DECIDE, I'LL SEND A CERTIFIED CHECK BY—

TEA IS BEING SERVED IN THE DRAWING ROOM. WOULD YOU CARE TO JOIN US, SIR?



YES, ONE OF YOUR COMPATRIOTS, A WALL STREET BANKER IS HERE TOO AS A PROSPECTIVE BUYER. I'LL INTRODUCE YOU.



WALL STREET BANKER!! A FEW MONTHS AGO THEY WERE WORKING BEHIND THE RIBBON COUNTER IN MY STORE!

THE BIG CHIEF!

MR. WANACOOPER?



WOT ABOUT THIS PRINT H'OF THE PRINCE H'OF WYLES, ME LUD? ONE H'OF THOSE CHAPPIES LEFT IT IN THE 'ALL.

RETURN IT TO THE BLOOMIN' BLIGHTERS, GILES!



EH! TAKE THIS MASTERPIECE WITH YOU AN' ANG IT IN YOUR H'ART GALLERY.